

Incident Name: COVID-19 Jefferson County

Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center

May 11, 2020 Update

Incident Summary

- **Montana is in Phase One of Governor Steve Bullock's re-opening plan. No more than 10 people shall gather together in one location, and social distancing directives remain in effect.**

Incident Update (new items in bold)

1. **Seventy-three Jefferson County residents have been tested for COVID-19. There are seventy negatives and three positives. The new case was diagnosed out of state. The person, a male in his 50's, isn't in Jefferson County and hasn't been in Montana for several weeks. This COVID-19 case was not acquired in Montana, nor has there been contact with individuals in Montana.**
2. **Governor Steve Bullock announced additional Phase One guidelines that will allow gyms and fitness studios, movie theaters and museums the option to reopen beginning Friday, May 15, 2020 if they adhere to strict guidelines limiting capacity, requiring social distancing, and imposing thorough sanitation requirements. The full guidance is posted at <http://covid19.mt.gov>.**
3. Governor Steve Bullock announced \$10 million in federal CARES Act funding is now available to Montana childcare providers to continue serving Montana families with essential workers and assist with efforts to reopen after closing due to COVID-19. Specific information about how to access or apply for this funding is online at BESTBEGINNINGS.MT.GOV.
4. Governor Steve Bullock announced that families, small businesses, non-profits, health services centers and individuals across Montana hardest-hit by impacts of COVID-19 will be eligible to apply for grants through nine new programs created in response to the emergency. A comprehensive information resource and application portal is available at COVIDRELIEF.MT.GOV. The application portion of the website went live at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7. To prepare for the application, businesses and non-profits should have their tax ID, proof of business registration, a brief description of how the grant will be spent, and a brief description of how COVID-19 has impacted operations. Homeowners and renters should have bank account information available and verification of job or income loss.
5. The Jefferson County Commission lifted the restricted public access to facilities on Monday May 4th; however, certain protective restrictions inside each facility have been established. Please read and follow any posted signs and/or directions from staff.

The past two months have been stressful for many families, healthcare providers, business owners and others. For mental health concerns, the SAMHSA no-cost disaster distress line can be accessed via 800-985-5990; by texting "talkwithus" to 66746 or visiting disasterdistress.samhsa.gov

Incident Contacts

COVID-19 hotline: 1-888-333-0461

COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.mt.gov/>

COVID-19 email: covid19info@mt.gov

Jefferson County Public Health: 406-225-4007

Jefferson County Disaster and Emergency Services: 406-225-4035